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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-68 are pending, of which claims 43-69 are withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10-11, 15, 16, 19-25, 31-33, 36-38 are amended.

Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Amended claim 16 now includes the language of "wherein the display further comprises a GUI for controlling printing of a quality assurance postage." In view of the above amendment, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In view of the above amendments to the respective claims, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 11-15, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kara (US 6,233,568). Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kara in view of Cordery et al. (US 5,454,038). Applicant submits that all of the claims currently pending in this application are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the following reasons, and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Amended **independent claim 1** includes, among other limitations "a display comprising: a GUI for providing certified mail service based on type of a mail piece selected by the user, wherein the GUI for providing certified mail includes business rules for providing the user with a return receipt." Kara does not teach or suggest the above limitation.

Applicant is unable to find any teaching or suggestion of the above limitation in the cited text of Kara (FIGs. 4A - 4O, col. 8, line 9). Although Kara mentions insurance service, it does not mention certified mail and "business rules for providing the user with a return receipt," in the cited text. If there is any such suggestion in Kara about the above limitation, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner refers to such suggestion in Kara. As a result, claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

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Amended **independent claim 22** includes, among other limitations "a display including a GUI for providing the user with a plurality of available business services, the GUI including an option for certified mail and a return receipt." As described above, Kara does not teach or suggest the above limitation. Consequently, claim 22 is also patentable over the cited references.

Furthermore, amended **dependent claims 10 and 31** include the limitation of "wherein the address matching module includes a user option for overriding an incorrect address by returning to the user a valid city, state, and ZIP information." Cordery, alone or in combination with Kara does not teach or suggest the above limitation. Applicant respectfully disagree with Examiner's statement (rejecting claim 10) that Cordery in col. 12, lines 1-5 suggest (parts of) the above limitation. (See Office action, page 5, sixth paragraph.).

Rather, in the cited text, Cordery discloses an "address hygiene for comparing an address entered by a user to a list of addresses, and "if an exact match was found for the particular record in the file being processed, the data center at 714 appends the record to the postal revenue block file that an exact match was found in the process and loops back to decision block 706 to process the next record. . . If at block 712 an exact match was not found as part of the address hygiene process, a determination is made at 716 whether the address was corrected as part of the address hygiene process at 710. If this is true, the indication of this fact is appended to the corrected address file at 718. A further determination is made at 720 whether the mailer has requested to use the corrected address in generating the digital token. If so, at 722 the corrected address record is appended to the postal revenue block file. If on the other hand, the mailer had determined at 720 not to use the corrected address file, the postal request file is appended to the postal revenue block file at 724 to be used in the generation of the digital tokens [that is, no further action is performed with regard to the address]." (Col. 12, lines 3-33, emphasis added.). There is no mention or suggestion of "a user option for overriding an incorrect address by returning to the user a valid city, state, and ZIP information" in Cordery. As a result, amended independent claims 10 and 31 are also independently patentable over the cited references.

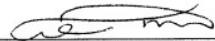
In short, the amended independent claims 1 and 22 recite a novel and unobvious invention over the cited references and thus is patentable over the cited references. The

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remaining dependent claims 3-5, 7-21 and 23-42 are dependent from allowable independent claims 1 and 22 and therefore include all the limitations of their base claims and additional limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being dependent from allowable independent claims 1 and 22, and for the additional limitations they include therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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